

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: District of Columbia

LESS RESTRICTIVE METHODS OF TREATING INCOME  
UNDER SECTION 1902(r)(2) OF THE ACT

\_\_\_ Section 1902(f) State      X Non-Section 1902(f) State

**I. Less restrictive methodology for pregnant women and infants as follows:**

In determining eligibility of the group of pregnant women and infants described in 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV), 1902(l)(1)(A), and 1902(l)(1)(B), the state will either:

- (a) Apply the income disregards of the AFDC State Plan in effect on July 16, 1996 plus the less restrictive income disregards listed in Item VI of Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A (i.e., those for the medically needy and other eligibility groups), or
- (b) Disregard from gross income dollar for dollar dependent care expenses plus the less restrictive income disregards listed in Item VI of Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A (i.e., those for the medically needy and other eligibility groups) and the amount of the difference between 185 percent and 200 percent of the Federal poverty level for the family size involved as revised annually in the Federal Register, whichever is to the family's advantage. In no case will income excluded under any Federal statute be counted in determining income.

**II. Less restrictive methodology for poverty level children under age six born after September 30, 1979 as follows:**

In determining eligibility of poverty level children under age six (6) described in 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VI) and 1902(l)(1)(C), the state will either:

- (a) Apply the income disregards of the AFDC State plan in effect on July 16, 1996 plus the less restrictive income disregards listed in Item VI of Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A (i.e., those for the medically needy and other eligibility groups), or
- (b) Disregard from gross income dollar for dollar dependent care expenses plus the less restrictive income disregards listed in Item VI of Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A (i.e., those for the medically needy and other eligibility groups) and the amount of the difference between 133 percent and 200 percent of the Federal poverty level for the family size involved as revised annually in the Federal Register, whichever is to the child's advantage.

In no case will income excluded under any Federal statute be counted in determining income.

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**III. Less restrictive methodology for poverty level children under age nineteen as follows:**

In determining eligibility of poverty level children under age 19 born after September 30, 1979 described in 1902(a)(10)(A)(VII) and 1902(l)(1)(d), the state will either:

- (a) Apply the income disregards of the AFDC State plan in effect on July 16, 1996 plus the less restrictive income disregards listed in Item VI of Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A (i.e., those for the medically needy and other eligibility groups), or
- (b) Disregard from gross income dollar for dollar dependent care expenses plus the less restrictive income disregards listed in Item VI of Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A (i.e., those for the medically needy and other eligibility groups) and the amount of the difference between 100 percent and 200 percent of the Federal poverty level for the family size involved as revised annually in the Federal Register, whichever is to the child's advantage.

In no case will income excluded under any Federal statute be counted in determining income.

**IV. Less restrictive methodology for Medically Needy persons:**

For all Medically Needy groups, the District will disregard countable earned and unearned income in an amount equal to the difference between 50 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and the District's Medically Needy Income Levels (MNILs) for a family of the same size, except the disregard for a family of one will be equal to 95 percent of the disregard for a family of two.

**V. Less restrictive methodology for participants in Medicare Savings Program:**

In determining eligibility of 1902(a)(10)(E)(i) [Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB's)], the State will disregard from countable earned and unearned income in an amount equal to the difference between 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. The State will also apply the income rules detailed in Section VI of Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A (below). In no case will income excluded under any Federal statute be counted in determining income.

In determining eligibility of 1902(a)(10)(E)(iii) [Special Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMBs)], the State will disregard from countable earned and unearned income in an amount equal to the difference between 120 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and 300 percent of the Federal poverty Level (FPL).

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